GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:28
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2002
CURB ON IMPORT OF INDIAN STEEL BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of unfair curbs imposed on import of Indian steel by several countries;

(b) whether the developed countries are adopting new and innovative methods of restricting steel imports from India;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government on such methods being adopted by developed countries; and

(d) the extent to which the export of steel is likely to be affected?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 28 FOR ANS ON 1.3.2002, REGARDING CURB ON IMPORT OF INDIAN STEEL BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES BY SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY

(a) to (d) : Under the WTO Agreement, no unfair curbs can be imposed by any Member Country on import of any product.However, trade defence measures like levy of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties and Safeguard Action can be taken by the members under clearly specified circumstances. The Government of India is aware that some of the developed countries have initiated Anti-Dumping and Countervailing as well as Safeguard investigations against import of steel products from India which has to some extent affected its exports. The Government of India has been supporting the cause of Indian exporters and has, in cases where it is deemed necessary, taken up the issues either bilaterally or through the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO.